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A regular meeting of the Council of the Town of Bedford, Virginia, was held in the Council Hall of the Municipal Building at 7:00 p.m., August 9, 2016.

Members present: Mayor Robert T. Wandrei; Councilman Robert D. Carson; Councilman Stacey L. Hailey; Vice Mayor Steve C. Rush; Councilman Beckham A. Stanley; and Councilman James A. Vest

Members absent: Councilman Tim Black

Staff present: Town Manager Charles P. Kolakowski; Town Attorney W. W. Berry, IV; and Clerk of the Council Teresa W. Hatcher

Mayor Wandrei opened the meeting and led all present in saying the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.

Mayor Wandrei declared that the minutes of a regular Council meeting held on July 12, 2016, were approved as distributed.

Town Manager Kolakowski reported on the following:

- Reminder: Council members can take a tour of the new water treatment facility in Moneta on Friday, August 12, at 9:30 a.m.

D. W. Lawhorne, Public Works Director, reported that the Keep Bedford Beautiful Commission is having a mini cleanup in the Smith Street and South Street area on Saturday, August 13 at 8:00 a.m.

Mr. Lawhorne recognized representatives from the National Society of the Daughters of the American Revolution. He spoke about the work of the DAR in conservation including tree planting and maintaining other natural resources. In 1932 the Peaks of Otter Chapter planted a sugar maple tree in Bedford to commemorate the 200th birthday of George Washington. The tree is located on the southeast corner of the old high school grounds, which is now the current Bedford Middle School, right at Peaks Street. Mr. Lawhorne reviewed the DAR's contributions to the Town throughout the years. He said that improvements to Reynolds Park were made by members of the DAR, Habitat for Humanity, and the Liberty High School Chapter of the National Honor Society. Mr. Lawhorne presented a Certificate of Appreciation to the members of the DAR for the work they have done.

A member of the DAR thanked Council for the certificate and said the DAR has a fund for flags, and said they plan to do something else for Reynolds Park later this year.

Mayor Wandrei thanked the members of the DAR for all of the fine work they did and said that the Town is much better for their efforts.

Sara Smith, Bedford Main Street, Inc., gave an update from the Economic Vitality Committee: the annual property owners and merchant meeting is scheduled for

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September 20 from 6:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. in the Council Hall - the current topics will be: no interest loans, 2017 events and opportunities for engagement, footprint expansion, grants, and various Town incentives that are being offered. Ms. Smith reviewed upcoming events, projects, and grants. One of the goals of Bedford Main Street for Fiscal Year 2017 is working with the merchants on sales and demographics data. Ms. Smith explained that there is a matching grant from the Virginia Tourism Corporation that could be applied for with the Town, D-Day, and Bedford Main Street for the 75th Anniversary of World War II. Ms. Smith has contacted April Cheek-Messier, President of the D-Day Memorial Foundation regarding the grant. She said the current idea is to purchase five or seven bronze plaques that would be placed in various locations around the town and would complement an existing walking tour.

Brian Schley, Chairman of the Main Street Design Committee, presented a Beautification Award to John Varca, Jimmy Sandoval, and Mike Oakley for the work they have done at their new business “Happy Coffee” at 104 N. Bridge Street.

Town Manager Kolakowski said that information regarding drainage around the Town has been distributed to Council identifying a number of difference areas with drainage issues that should be addressed along with a number of estimates on the repairs. He said the Virginia Department of Transportation (VDOT) has a program that is coming up in the fall for revenue sharing projects. The Town Manager suggested that this information be discussed at a Finance Committee meeting: to determine how much Council would like to spend, if any; discuss setting priorities; financing; and if there is any interest in participating in the revenue sharing project from VDOT.

Mayor Wandrei referred the drainage issue to the Finance Committee to evaluate the cost to make repairs, prioritize which areas are most crucial, and go ahead to see if the Town can get matching funds from the State of Virginia.

The following individuals spoke under *Citizen Comments*:

- Rev. Philip Parker, 1332 Homeward Drive, suggested that the Town needs a theme. He suggested that the Town should be marketed as the World War II Town of America in relationship to the National D-Day Memorial and to the historic and heroic stories of the young men and families.
- Penny Beard, 704 Liberty Street, Bedrock Ridez, spoke about traffic problems with 18 wheelers at the intersection of Cook Street and Liberty Street knocking down a hydrant and road signs. Ms. Beard suggested that a “No Thru Trucks” sign would keep that from happening in the future.

The Mayor asked the Town Manager to look into that situation and notify the Regional Water Authority if a hydrant has been damaged.

Citizen Comments continued:

- Carol Wenderski, 514 Blue Ridge Avenue, Suite G, Grace Ministries, spoke about the help she has received from Grace House.

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- Janice Calloway, 514 G Blue Ridge Avenue, Grace Ministries, spoke about the assistance she has received from Grace House.
- Kay Brown, Grace House, spoke about the blessings she has received from living at Grace House.
- Kevin Mayhew, Grace House, spoke of the help he has received at Grace House.
- John Murtain, 514 Blue Ridge Avenue, Grace Ministries, spoke about the support he has received at Grace House.
- Joshua Ball, Grace House, spoke about the history and works of Grace House. He asked that he be allowed to come back and make a full-length presentation to tell Council more about the Grace House and maybe find a way that Grace House can partner together as a community to reach these people.

The Mayor said that what these individuals have brought to Council's attention is possibly something that could be addressed through the Department of Social Services. Mayor Wandrei asked the Town Manager to contact the head of Social Services to see if they are aware of the situation.

Mr. Ball stated that Social Services is working in partnership with Grace House.

Councilman Carson asked if Grace Ministries has any programs to put the individuals on their feet.

Mr. Ball indicated that there are programs, classes, and a Christian-based recovery program.

Mayor Wandrei reported that representatives of the Town of Nottoway have asked if Bedford would join with them and several other communities to seek legislation to ask the General Assembly to allocate five percent (5%) of the lottery proceeds to localities for various projects.

The Town Manager will check into how much money the lottery proceeds could produce.

The Mayor said he received a letter from the Virginia Municipal League requesting local communities to prepare a Christmas ornament that will be used in decorating the Executive Mansion. Mayor Wandrei said he would turn this over to the Arts Council. It was the consensus of Council to turn this request over to the Arts Council and get their input.

Councilman Vest said that Council had appropriated funds for handicap equipment for the playground. The Town Manager stated that the Public Works Director has been in contact with the person who supplies this equipment, several meetings have been held with them, and several proposals have been received. He said this item will be reviewed at the next Council work session on August 23.

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Councilman Vest, Chairman of the Finance Committee, said that the Town collected more money in real estate taxes than anticipated. He said the auditors will be here August 15-19. Councilman Vest stated that the staff has worked very hard to reduce the number of rollovers and reappropriations.

Councilman Vest reported that with the help of the Electric Director and the Director of Finance, the insurance company will cover the majority of the cost of the speed increaser. He thanked Mr. Wagner and Ms. Jammes for their help in that.

Councilman Vest stated that Council will be discussing the diesel peaking generator at the first Council meeting in September.

Town Manager Kolakowski reported that the term of Chief Todd Foreman on the Central Virginia Alcohol Safety Action Program Policy Board expires on August 31, 2016. Chief Foreman has expressed a willingness to serve another term on the Board, which will be a three-year term, if reappointed by Council. Mr. Kolakowski said Council was requested to reappoint Chief Todd Foreman to the Central Virginia Alcohol Safety Action Program Policy Board for a three-year term, said term to expire August 31, 2019.

On motion by Councilman Hailey, seconded by Vice Mayor Rush, voted upon and carried by a roll call vote, Council reappointed Chief Todd Foreman to the Central Virginia Alcohol Safety Action Program Policy Board for a three-year term, said term to expire August 31, 2019. Roll call vote follows:

Councilman Black	absent
Councilman Carson	aye
Councilman Hailey	aye
Vice Mayor Rush	aye
Councilman Stanley	aye
Councilman Vest	aye
Mayor Wandrei	aye

The Town Manager reported that the Bower Center for the Arts is requesting that North Bridge Street in front of and above the Bower Center for the Arts be closed the afternoon and evening of September 4, 2016, from 1:00 p.m. until 10:00 p.m. for the 3rd Annual Bedford's Finest Fare. The food vendors will be positioned along the street, and the bands will be on a stage at the top of the street, roughly in front of the Bedford Historical Society. Bower Center for the Arts will notify the Fire Department, Rescue Squad, Public Services and Police Department of the street closing. Bower Center for the Arts has current liability insurance and will provide the Town with a copy of the policy upon request. Mr. Kolakowski said that Council was requested to close North Bridge Street in front of and above the Bower Center for the Arts the afternoon and evening of September 4, 2016, from 1:00 p.m. until 10:00 p.m. for the 3rd Annual Bedford's Finest Fare.

On motion by Councilman Carson, seconded by Councilman Hailey, voted upon and carried by a roll call vote, Council approved the closing of North Bridge Street in front of and above the Bower Center for the Arts the afternoon and evening of September 4,

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2016, from 1:00 p.m. until 10:00 p.m. for the 3rd Annual Bedford's Finest Fare. Roll call vote follows:

Councilman Carson	aye
Councilman Hailey	aye
Vice Mayor Rush	aye
Councilman Stanley	aye
Councilman Vest	aye
Councilman Black	absent
Mayor Wandrei	aye

Town Manager Kolakowski said that Bedford is a member of American Municipal Power of Ohio (AMP) and participates in several joint ventures with other member communities in AMP projects and joint ventures. Mr. Kolakowski recommended that the Town Manager be designated as the primary representative and that the Electric Department be authorized as the alternate representative for purposes of representing the Town in the joint ventures and receiving notices and materials related to the projects and joint ventures that the Town participates in with AMP. The Town Manager said that Council was requested to adopt the resolution designating authorized representatives and alternates and notice recipients in respect to dealings with American Municipal Power of Ohio.

On motion by Vice Mayor Rush, seconded by Councilman Carson, voted upon and carried by a roll call vote, Council adopted the resolution designating authorized representatives and alternates and notice recipients in respect to dealings with American Municipal Power of Ohio. Roll call vote follows:

Councilman Hailey	aye
Vice Mayor Rush	aye
Councilman Stanley	aye
Councilman Vest	aye
Councilman Black	absent
Councilman Carson	aye
Mayor Wandrei	aye

The resolution follows as adopted:

**A Resolution designating the authorized representative
and an authorized alternate representative to serve
as the Town of Bedford, Virginia
representative on various committees of the Board
of Trustees of American Municipal Power, Inc.**

WHEREAS, the Town of Bedford, Virginia (hereinafter "Municipality") is a member of American Municipal Power, Inc. ("AMP," formerly known as American Municipal Power, Inc., a non-profit

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corporation engaged in generating, transmitting, purchasing, and selling wholesale electricity for its member municipal electric systems, including the Municipality, and providing various related services;

WHEREAS, Municipality participates in one or more AMP projects and/or joint ventures (each a "JV") of AMP's members managed by AMP, including the AFEC, AMPGS, and Prairie State under each of which a Municipality representative must be designated;

WHEREAS, Municipality may attend and take part in committees of the AMP Board of Trustees;

WHEREAS, the JVs and AMP projects are governed by participants in those respective JVs and projects; and

WHEREAS, the Municipality now desires to designate its authorized representatives to AMP for all such purposes and to provide for such appointments in the future.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE TOWN OF BEDFORD, VIRGINIA:

Section 1. That the Town Manager is hereby authorized to act on behalf of the Municipality in the discharge of its duties for all purposes to AMP, and that the Electric Department Director is authorized to serve in his or her stead during such period as such representative may be unable to represent the Municipality.

Section 2. That the representatives of the Municipality so designated be, and hereby are, authorized and empowered, acting for, in the name of and on behalf of the Municipality, and as the Municipality's agent, to exercise all the functions, powers, rights and privileges, and to fulfill the obligations, (i) as the Municipality's representative for all purposes before AMP or any JV, in either case including, without limitation, to attend and take part in committees of the AMP Board of Trustees, project committees or project, AMP or JV membership meetings, to vote on and otherwise act with respect to all matters that may properly come before any committee of the Board or any project committee or project, AMP or membership meeting, and to do or cause to be done all acts, and to take all steps as may in each case be, in the opinion of such representative, necessary or desirable in order to represent the Municipality and exercise its functions, powers, rights and privileges, and to fulfill its obligations, as a Municipality representative.

Section 3. That any inconsistent appointments or provisions for such appointments for Municipality representatives to AMP in prior

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ordinances or resolutions are hereby superseded by the provisions of this Resolution.

Section 4. That it is found and determined that all formal actions of the Council of the Bedford, Virginia, relating to the adoption of this Resolution were adopted in an open meeting of this Council, and that all deliberations of this Council and any of its committees or commissions that resulted in such formal action, were in meetings open to the public, in compliance with all legal requirements.

Section 5. That this Resolution shall take effect and be in force from and after the date of passage.

Mayor Wandrei adjourned the meeting at 7:47 p.m.